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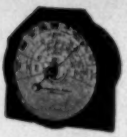

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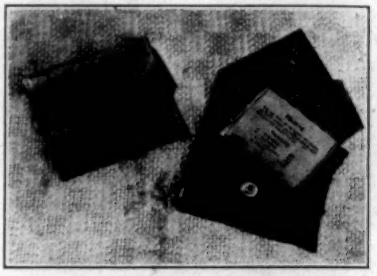

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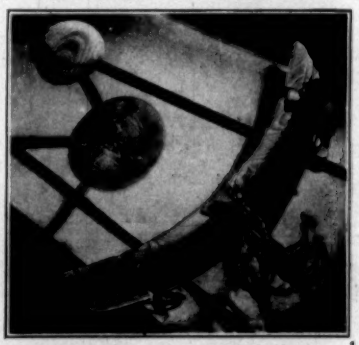

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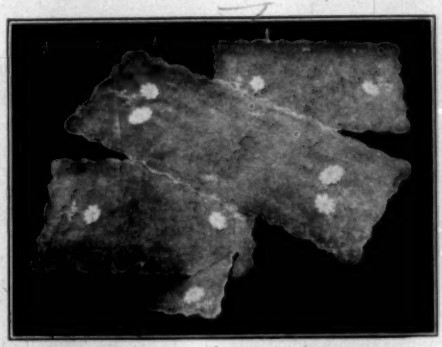

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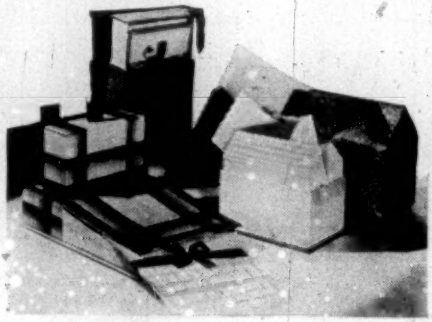

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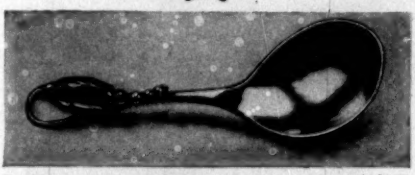

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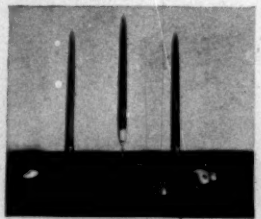

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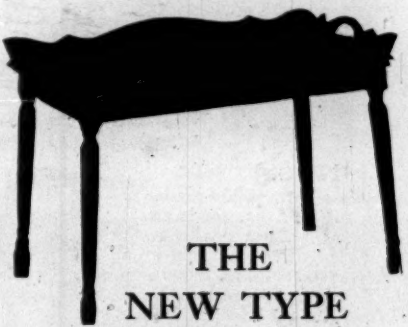

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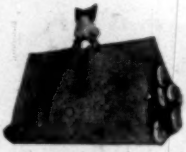

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EVEN the pantry is coming in for its share of the dog motif in decoration. Here are shiny tins for cookies or crackers or whatever you wish, painted green, red, yellow or black, and ornamented with pert Wire Haired Terriers and appealing Sealyhams, in white of course, and amusing, coal black Scotties. The tins are 6½" high and 6" in diameter and are priced at $2.00 each, plus 50 cents for mailing outside New York City. If desired, you could have any breed of dog done to order.

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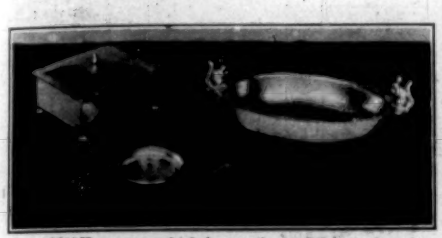
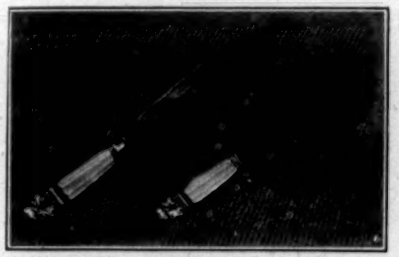
Silver and Pewter



DANISH pewter, which has a silvery finish, makes this attractive group of gifts. The bowl for candy or nuts has squirrel figures at either end and measures 8" x 5¼". $12.50. The cigarette box is mounted on little feet and lined with polished wood. 4" x 3½". $7.50. The charming little ashtray, 2½" in diameter, and match box, are sold as a set for $2.00. All postpaid.



A SINGLE odd piece of Jensen silver is always a distinctive gift, and there is such a wide range of choice. For instance, an egg server, which would lend itself to other uses, of course, with a spoon of black horn which is so stunning with the silver handle. 8" long, $8.00. And a knife, for bread, or general serving purposes, with a stainless steel blade, 10½" long, $10.00. Postpaid.

THE simplicity and grace of this sugar and cream set is very charming. Of fine quality pewter, the sugar bowl and cream pitcher stand 3¼" high and are priced at $4.00 the pair, while the tray, 8½" long, is $2.00, and the complete set may be had for $5.00. Postpaid. A wonderful value!

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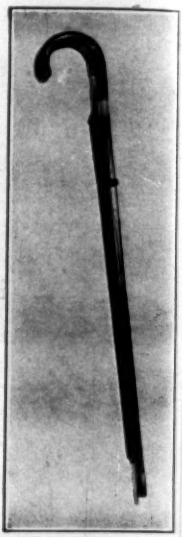
HERE is a cigarette box which we consider exceptionally good-looking and a really remarkable value. Made of sycamore, that very light wood, it has a most attractive ship print on the top, while inside it is cedar-lined and has two compartments, to hold about 100 cigarettes. Definitely masculine and rather out-of-the-ordinary. 7¼" x 4" x 2½". $5.00. Postpaid.



AN AWFULLY nice gift for a man is a cane and umbrella set. In this set both cane and umbrella are of fine quality malacca, with crook handles, and there is a sterling silver band around each. The umbrella has a wooden shank and a 28" frame and is covered with heavy black taffeta silk. They may be strapped together, as shown, and make a very good-looking set. Priced at $15.00. Postpaid.

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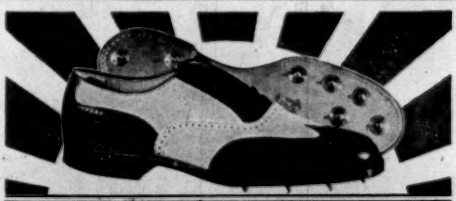

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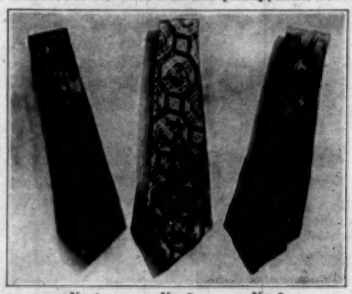

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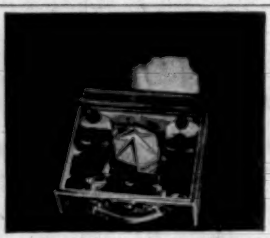

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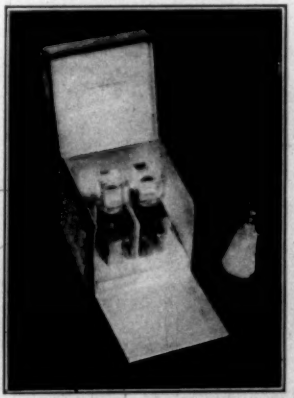
WE CANNOT praise the perfumes of Ybry too highly—they really are glorious, and so beautifully bottled and boxed—a perfect gift. "Femme de Paris," "Désir du Coeur," "Mon Ame," "Devinez"—four exquisite odors, in modernistic square flacons colored respectively emerald, ruby, amethyst, and topaz. There are four sizes, Débutante, at $8.50; 1 oz., $16.50; 2 oz., $30.00 and 4 oz., $50.00. *Infusion* of perfume is a new creation of Ybry, less concentrated than extract, to be used on the body. In an embossed crystal flacon decorated with colored enamel, in the same four odors, 8 oz., $20.00. Face powder, also in the same scents, comes in a smart green and gold box, with a fluffy puff, for $5.00, and the lipstick in the same scents comes in a chic container colored to match the perfume flacons, in light, medium, dark and natural. $2.00. All postpaid.



AND now—perfume by Elizabeth Arden, created especially for her exacting clientèle and as exquisite as are all the preparations of this famous Beauty House. In introducing these new perfumes Miss Arden offers a gift box containing twin bottles of any two of the four lovely odors, "La Joie d'Elizabeth," a fragrant bouquet odor, "L'Amour d'Elizabeth," a richly romantic perfume, "Mon Amie Elizabeth," a particularly delicate blend, and "La Reve d'Elizabeth," a distinctive perfume, found especially good on furs. These two adorable little bottles, attractively boxed, make a most charming gift. $6.00. Postpaid.

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JUST in time for Christmas Helena Rubinstein presents three new articles, all extremely smart and the perfect solution to many a gift problem. The *Triple Vanity*, a flat, oblong golden case, with vermilion and black modernistic design, neatly contains a mirror, compact powder and rouge, and a removable lipstick. $2.50.

A cigarette case, matching the Triple Vanity in size, shape and design, for five cigarettes, comes attractively boxed with the compact for $3.75. Cigarette case not sold separately.

The loose powder *Double Vanity*, a square case in silver, black and red—or plain silver, for evening—in modernistic design, containing compact rouge and a sifter section for loose powder, comes in a novel box which also contains six tiny boxes of the new Enchanté powder in as many shades. You may fill the Vanity with whichever shade suits your complexion need for any occasion. $3.00. All postpaid.

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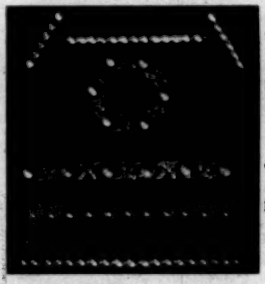

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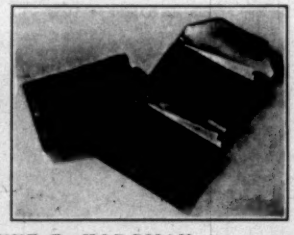

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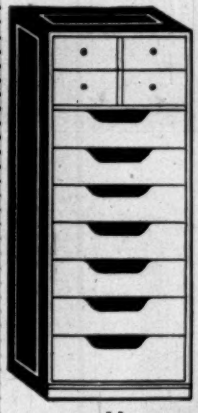

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Christmas Suggestions for the Younger Generation

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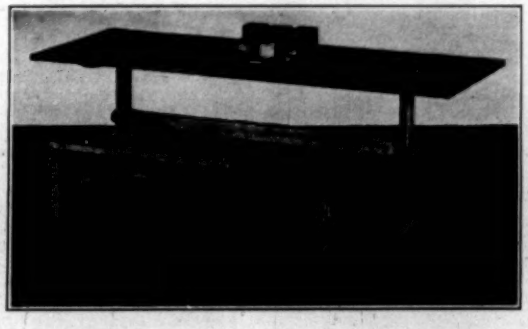
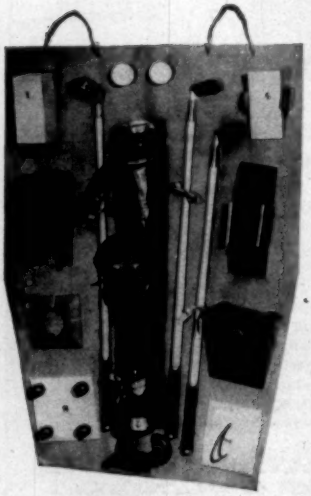
CAN'T you imagine the delight of the child who finds these three soft, woolly brown puppies in their basket beside the tree on Xmas morning? The dogs are of three sizes and the basket is of the style used by the aristocrats of dogdom, and even contains a blanket. Complete, $15.00. Express charges collect. The basket is not sold separately, but the dogs may be purchased for $2.25, $3.00 and $4.50 each. Plus 25 cents for postage outside New York City.

FURNITURE designed especially for children is quite irresistible and of course the youngsters always love having things of their very own. A play table with a matching bench, made of pine and very sturdy, is something which both parents and children will welcome. The table measures 36" long x 18" wide by 18½" high and is priced at $12.00; the bench is 35" long x 7½" wide x 11" high and costs $7.50. Express charges collect.



The three little black wooden boxes on the table comprise a *sense training* set. The boxes and their lids are lined in yellow, red and blue respectively and contain square insets of the same colors. The idea is for the child to put the insets in the proper boxes, thereby developing a sense of color. $2.25. Parcel Post charges collect.



FOR the Bobby Joneses and Glenna Colletts of to-morrow — a miniature golf set, consisting of a bag, three aluminum clubs, two balls, and an assortment of wooden obstacles to make the game more realistic. All fastened on cardboard and looking very festive. A perfectly grand gift, to our mind. $10.00. Postpaid.

XMAS would hardly be Xmas without a toy train of some sort, and we have found one that we think is perfectly dandy. An industrial train, non-electric, but having many of the advantages usually had only with an electric train, this is very popular because it is light, compact, easy to assemble and operate. It has automatic coupling, and, as a special feature, each car is a different style and dumps in a different way! Set, consisting of a locomotive, green, and five cars, red, and circle of track, in 12 sections, 64" in diameter, $13.50. Express charges collect.

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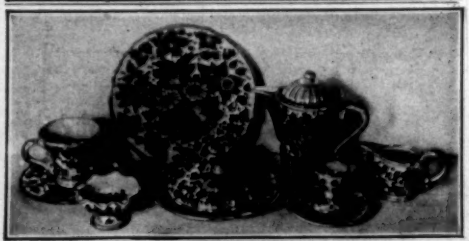

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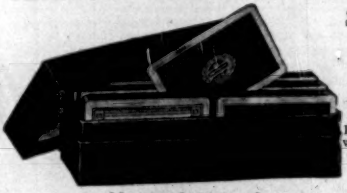

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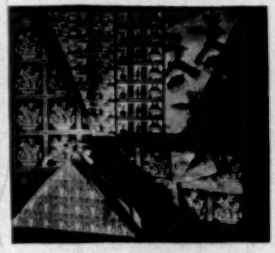

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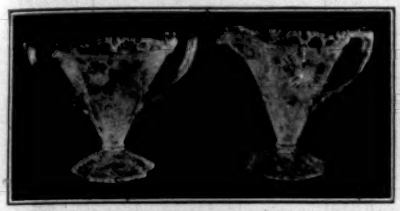

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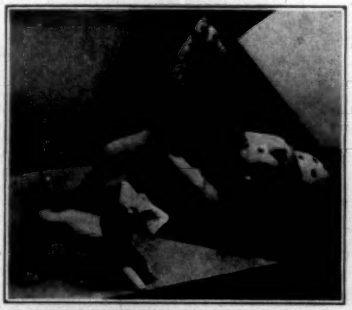
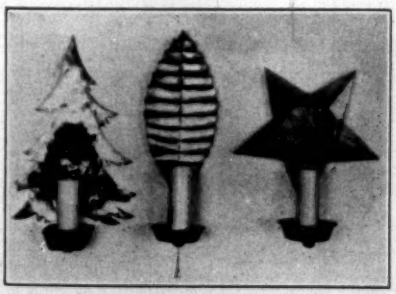


FOR modern homes, iron doorstops in refreshingly original animal designs. These are sturdy enough to do their duty well, and are amusing and decorative too. The alert Wire Haired Terrier is done in natural colors, measures 10″ long x 7½″ high and is priced at $4.50; the peaceful, fat tabby cat, tan with brown spots and green eyes, 10″ x 9″, $6.00, and, if you're feeling adventurous, a tan and brown giraffe, very dependable despite his rather giddy appearance, 15″ high, $6.50. Express charges collect.



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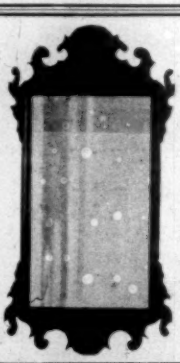

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First Aid to Xmas Shoppers

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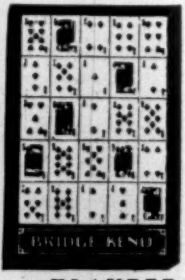

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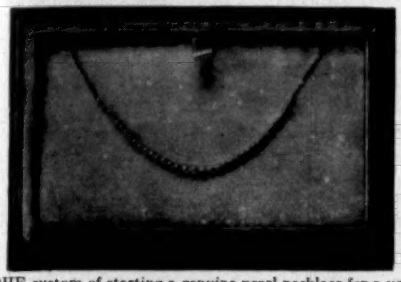
Jane Loring's Christmas Shopping Service



THE custom of starting a genuine pearl necklace for a young girl with a strand of three, strung on a 14K. white or green gold chain, and adding to it each birthday or Christmas, until, by the time she is grown to womanhood, she has a complete and beautiful necklace, is a splendid gift suggestion. Initial strand of three genuine oriental pearls can be had for as low as $5.00. Postpaid.

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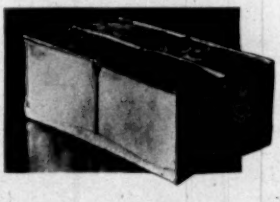

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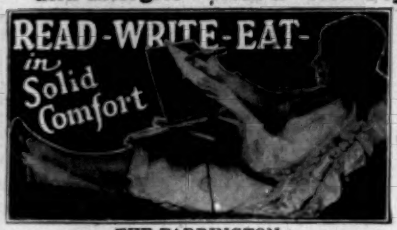

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AMONG THE NEW BOOKS

By HARRY HANSEN

Literary Editor of the New York World

EVERYONE has heard the old story current among booksellers about the woman who was wondering what gift to buy for a friend, and upon being told to buy a book, remarked, "She has a book." This yarn causes chuckles every time it is told—and I have heard it dozens of times. As a matter of fact, it is based almost wholly upon misrepresentation, for the strangest and most interesting trait in books is that they love company, and that where one is found others are bound to be present. There was a day when only Owen Meredith's *Lucille* in a padded cover, or Longfellow's poems graced the parlor table, but that time has long passed. It even happens that books refuse to stand alone in the matter of subject-matter. Take a highly individual work and send it like a lone orphan into a world of books on unrelated topics, and within a fortnight it will be surrounded by its cousins and its sisters and its aunts, all making claims for attention.

The present book season is said to be the largest, in quantity of titles issued, that has been recorded in years. Books fall into a number of easily discernible groups: political memoirs are probably first in order of importance; war books lead among the novels; finally books on the phenomena of Western civilization, including comment on our culture, philosophy, and political ideas and methods, form a distinct group. As these books are meeting with a fine reception, it is easy to generalize that Americans are not oblivious to their political and social welfare, and that they prefer to have the mirror turned upon themselves. This suggests that the self-examination of which the writings of Sinclair Lewis form a part has not run its course. If anything, there is a growing appreciation of our strength as a result of the emphasis on our weakness, but there is no disposition to crawl into a hole.

I have already commented at length on *The Tragic Era* by Claude G. Bowers, which well repays reading; since last month I have read also *The Peerless Leader: William Jennings Bryan* by Paxton Hibben (Farrar & Rinehart) and *George Harvey* by Willis Fletcher Johnson (Houghton, Mifflin), both dealing with phases of the Bryan-Roosevelt-Wilson era. Both books suggest reference to *The Intimate Papers of Colonel House*, published earlier this year, because they discuss the same events from different points of view. Of course this topic opens up the whole field of politics in the last three decades. Americans who followed the boundless enthusiasms of Roosevelt and shuddered at the horrible specter of Bryanism, or who regarded Bryan as the peerless one and deprecated Roosevelt, McKinley, and all the Wall Street barons; Americans who were spiritually uplifted by the fine idealism of Woodrow Wilson only to become perplexed and confused again when the negotiations in Paris assumed the threat of European entanglements; finally, those who followed all the campaigns and now look back on them with a mellowing attitude (which goes with age) ought to enjoy these books for their light on men and events. They are not philosophical studies, nor are they psychoanalytical—they are best described by the word "factual," much as I dislike to use it.

The Peerless Leader was begun by Paxton

Hibben and completed by C. Hartley Grattan. I should say, from reading the earlier Bryan books, and from having lived through this period, that it is a just estimate. In fact its irony is largely at the expense of McKinley, Hanna, and Roosevelt, although it is by no means a partisan book. It does justice to Bryan's course as Secretary of State. He had certain fundamental ideas of justice and right—liberals disagree with them, but admit his sincerity, even if they deplore his inflexibility. He tried, during the first part of the War, to square his ideals with what he thought a servant of the people ought to do. He was too big to be a trimmer and not big enough to become a conscientious objector. So he made enemies on both sides. The Hibben book conveys this difficulty well. It is filled with anecdote, and gathers up many loose ends from other books. It does not reveal much that we did not know before, but it puts it in a new way. (Farrar & Rinehart.)

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THE LIFE OF COL. GEORGE HARVEY

The biography *George Harvey* by Willis Fletcher Johnson is another revelation of how a few men can control the destinies of a republic. Col. George Harvey's great reputation as a president-maker rests on his long advocacy of Woodrow Wilson; but he was also active in making possible Cleveland's second nomination and Harding's nomination at Chicago. These activities are described in a fascinating manner in Mr. Johnson's book; here the American learns how a candidate is groomed, and how leaders are placated and brought into line. Colonel Harvey was a man of energy and independent will who entered the career of journalism and at twenty-seven became managing editor of the *New York World*. From this time on he was in touch with influential men everywhere. He was only thirty-five when, in 1899, he was asked by the members of Harper & Brothers to succeed to the presidency of that publishing house. Here he was associated with Henry Mills Alden and William Dean Howells, and initiated many changes in the Harper publications. The story of his relations with Woodrow Wilson takes up most of the biography and reveals that Harvey began, ten years before Wilson's nomination, to bend his energies to achieve this; he made the first public speech to this effect in 1906 before the Lotus Club in New York City. Mr. Johnson describes the maneuvers necessary to get the president of Princeton University into a frame of mind to accept the nomination of the New Jersey machine for governor; the task was not easy in any direction, for both the organization and Wilson had doubts about its feasibility. But the way of the Warwick is not always smooth; as Wilson increased his advisers, Colonel Harvey was suspected of ulterior motives, and the break came when Wilson suggested that Harvey's advocacy of his name was injuring him because of Harvey's friendship with "the interests." The episode is retold here from Harvey's point of view, and the latter is pictured as demure and self-effacing. Not so Henry Watterson, however, who exploded in wrath and made a national sensation of the episode. Colonel Harvey's career was not limited to any one party. He seems to have been interested in men and events more than in ideas; he evidently enjoyed having a hand in great affairs, in initiating them. Thus he came to be one of the men who named Harding as the candidate of the Republican party, for which Harding sent Harvey to the Court of St. James as the ambassador of the United States. Whatever moved Harvey, it is evident from this book that he was never out of touch with public affairs. He always spoke with conviction; he seems also to have had an uncanny gift of prophecy. He speaks in one place of the need of interpreting the

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psychology of the people; and it is safe to say that both as journalist and politician he was pretty competent at this job. He does not seem to have ever delved deeply into political theory or been interested in ideas of social reform and political improvement; he studied the task in hand, sought a useful solution, and passed on to the next. His vitality was such that he could never for long remain a spectator on the sidelines. (Houghton Mifflin Company.)

THE LESSER GODS

Roosevelt, Wilson, Bryan—these are the outstanding names of the epoch that is past, but Coxey and Carrie Nation also played parts on life's stage in their day. Now there are books on both. *Coxey's Army* by Donald L. McMurry (Little, Brown & Co.) is described as "a study in industrial unrest, 1893–1898." That places for us a period when the infant industries nursed by Mark Hanna were not yet under way. The Coxey movement fits into the Bryan movement because both were protests against the exploitation of labor by capital. Both grew out of the unemployment situation. Bryan hated the interests, and his last effective political act was the nomination of Wilson at Baltimore because he would not support a candidate who had the Wall Street vote. Jacob S. Coxey actually took an "army" of workingmen to Washington. Their social ideas were hazy, but they sensed vaguely that if the government could protect capital, it could protect labor, and provide means of employment. As a little boy I heard of Coxey and naturally associated his army with the military. Despite the fact that he was in Ohio, bound east, and I was in Iowa, my schoolfellows and I speculated on the possible danger of our Mississippi River city being overrun by his hordes. Coxey had much in common with Bryan—in fact he advocated a more plentiful supply of currency as one way to meet the money stringency. Mr. McMurry, who is a professor of history at Lafayette College, has added another fine book on American history in the writing of *Coxey's Army*. It is a dispassionate study of the labor questions involved, and should be consulted by all who are familiar with employment and tramp questions. It is interesting to note that Coxey himself is now seventy-three and still actively writing on employment, and holding ideas that have not changed from those of the nineties.

VALENTINE KATAEV
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"HANNA"
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Thus our consideration of the new books on American political history leads us to *Hanna* by Thomas Beer. (Alfred A. Knopf.) It is the most recent of the books I have read, and by far the most exciting, the most easy to read, and yet the most informing of them all. Mr. Beer draws a portrait; always the man is in front of him; with every brush-stroke he clarifies his character, presenting his bodily characteristics, the set of his clothes, and then, as well, the bent of his mind. You wonder how it is done—this consummate integration of document and narrative, this synthesis of history and character. For myself, after reading the foregoing books on this period, I find Mr. Beer interpreting it better than any, with an understanding of its direction, its purpose, its relation to the days of Lincoln in the past, and to our own present. For although *Hanna* is not a literal biography, in the sense that it does not heap up names and dates and documents, it is practically packed with specific details, with information of an unusually appropriate character, revealing in a sentence traits that older writers used to

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describe in whole paragraphs and pages. The style of Thomas Beer is a joy to read, and in this book it reaches its full flowering. There is no longer an obvious trickery about his phrasing or the episodes he selects, yet they seem striking, unusual. Upon closer examination we find them such as occur logically in the life of a political leader. But Hanna was as much a business man as a political leader; he was McKinley's "minister without portfolio" perhaps, but also he was nobody's fool. Beside this man's plain, unadorned life a great many lives of heroes who gained the front pages of the newspapers seem preposterous and insincere. There is no object in my quoting from this book; it would merely anticipate your pleasure. Mr. Beer, who brings many personal reminiscences to bear in his work—his father was to some extent associated with Hanna in politics—has not written in praise or condemnation. To him the high moral tone adopted by wheedling politicians is mere window dressing. Remarking in a concluding note that he believes democracy and Cæsarism to be coexistent, he says, "Democracy yearns for leadership and accepts many clever dictators before a Julius Cæsar declares the ideational ruin of the republic and sits on the wreckage to await his assassins. The characteristic of Hanna's bloodless adventure in government is this Cæsarism, and his charm lies in the candor of his approach to the mass. He appealed to materialists as a materialist; his pragmatism was not draped in virtuous pretenses. He grinned."

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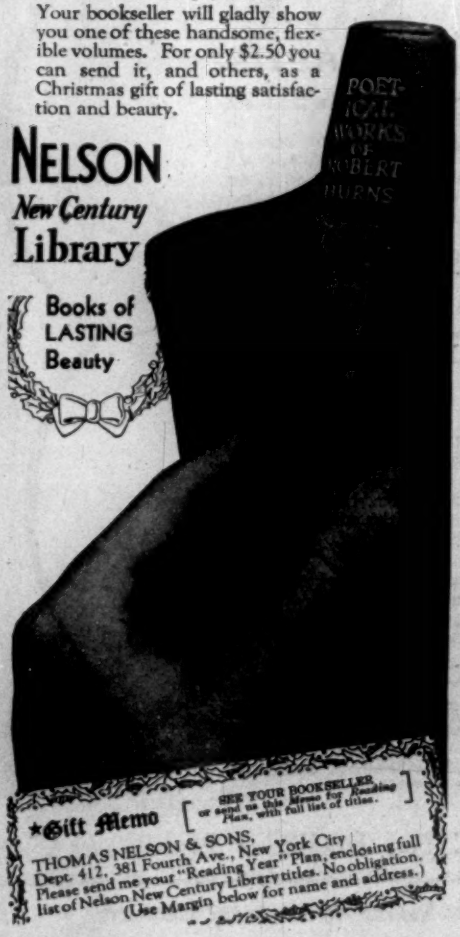

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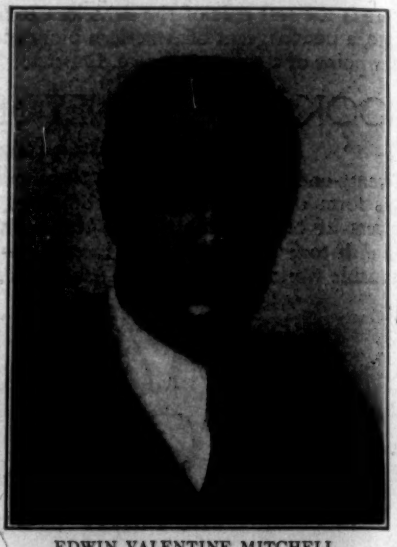

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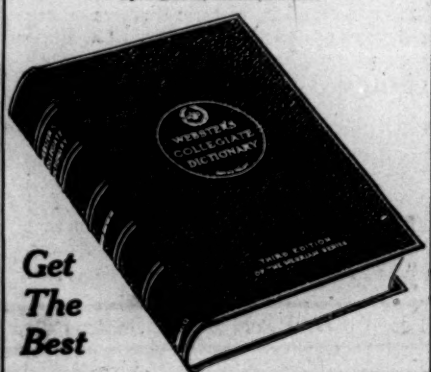

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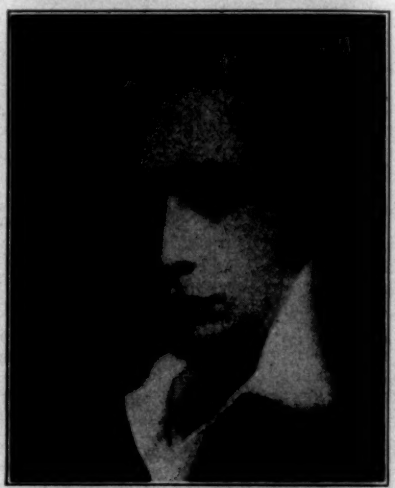

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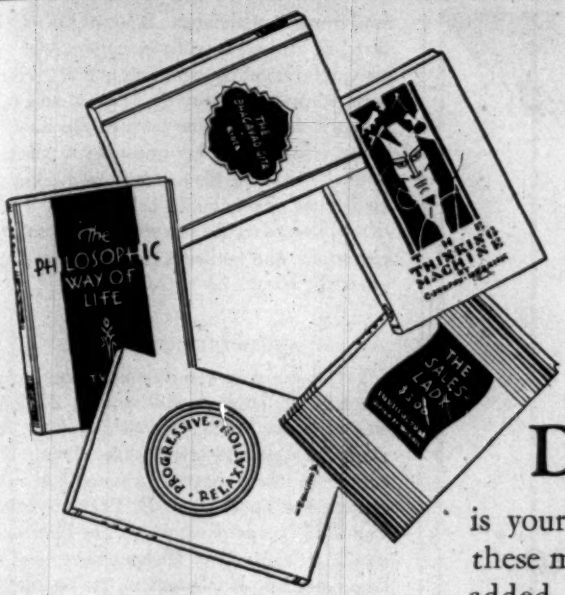

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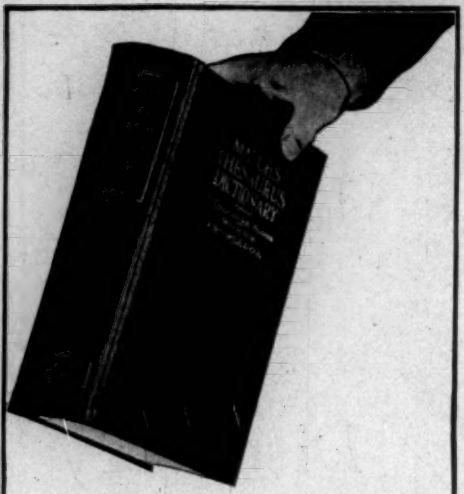

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The flood of new novels continues. Apparently the public is still reading *All Quiet on the Western Front*, *A Farewell to Arms*, *The Dark Journey*, and other books already discussed in these pages. Among the newcomers is a novel by J. B. Priestley called *The Good Companions*, which has been compared to the books of Dickens because of its large number of characters, its attractive character drawing, and its buoyancy.

Sigrid Undset's new book, *In the Wilderness*, should be read by all who read her earlier writings, for it continues the adventures of Olav, who appeared in *The Master of Hestviken*. It combines a medieval scene with the author's clear comprehension of the Norwegian temper and feeling, and is written in that delightful prose which is one reason why Sigrid Undset brings honor to the Nobel prize. (Alfred A. Knopf.)

Kept Woman by Viña Delmar belongs to that phase of big city life which this author is exploiting; it deals with the affair of Lilly Cory, a working girl, and Hubert Scott, a middle-aged man who slips out of his marriage relation in order to live with Lilly. Eventually the girl goes out to support her lover, who has spent the money he had when he took up with her. (Harcourt, Brace.)

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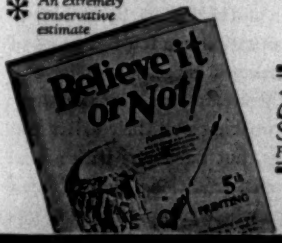

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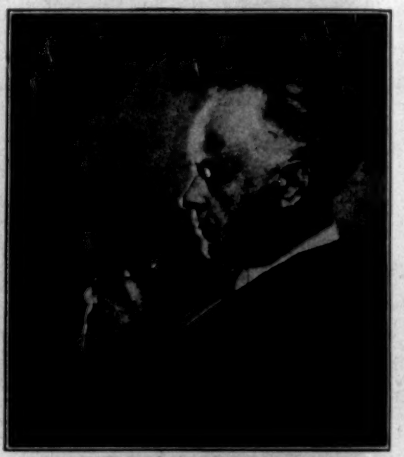

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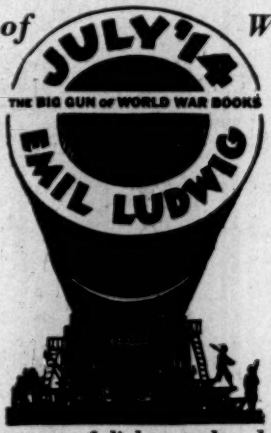

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One of the most significant things this year is the variety of sources which have been tapped. There are any number of lovely picture books from foreign lands; there are fairy tales and folklore from all ages and all countries; there are stories dealing with strange races, stories of modern as well as ancient days. One of our favorites among the picture books is a German book, now for the first time available in English, *Spin Top Spin and Rosemary and Thyme*, a book of poems and pictures for children by Elsa Eisgruber. Exquisite in color, delicate in drawing, almost an Oriental quality in contour, this book introduces American children to one of the most important of continental illustrators. The verses are of less value than the pictures, which have a spontaneous gaiety and charm and beauty that is quite unique. (Macmillan.)

Wanda Gag, whose *Millions of Cats* was the most exciting of last year's picture books, has another book this year, *The Funny Thing*. (Coward-McCann.) It has the same delightful humor and feel of essential child spirit in the drawings, but the text, we feel, falls far short of last year's book. The same publisher has another picture story book which we like even better, *Karoo the Kangaroo*, by Kurt Wiese. It is a simple little story of the life of a young kangaroo, told with a directness and lack of sentimentality which makes Karoo as real as any boy or girl. And through the story one gets a picture of the Australian Bush, where the artist was interned as prisoner during the War, and where he had for a pet a baby kangaroo.

Another amusing animal picture book is *A Monkey Tale*, with a brief text by Hamilton Williamson and delightful pictures by Berta and Elmer Hader. (Doubleday, Doran.) Jocko has all sorts of entertaining adventures, as a result of his inordinate curiosity, and small boys, and girls, too, will chuckle with glee over the time the vine breaks and he has a chance, at very close quarters, to find out what a crocodile is like. But we like the pictures and the way the story winds its way through the book even better than the story itself.

Don't overlook *The Adventures of Tommy*, a picture story book that H. G. Wells did for a small friend. (Frederick A. Stokes.) The publishers have reproduced the pictures and the text just exactly as Mr. Wells put them down, and then, so that the very youngest readers could read for themselves, they have repeated the text in type on the opposite page. Tommy is just such a little boy as the Tommies we all know, and the absurd story has all the extravagance and ridiculousness of the sort of story one child might tell another. We liked it—and so will the youngsters, especially the account of Tommy unpacking the elephant's trunk!

One of the most beautiful of the fall books is *Three and the Moon*, by Jacques Dorey, illustrated by Boris Artzybasheff. (Knopf.) Jacques Dorey is a young French poet, and he and the artist who has given so exquisite a setting to his tales of

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Another of our favorites among the fantasy material published this year is *Tal, His Marvelous Adventures with Noom Zor Noom*, by Paul Fenimore Cooper. (Morrow.) It is a volume built on the Arabian Nights' plan; each night, after the exciting experiences of the day, the old wise man tells

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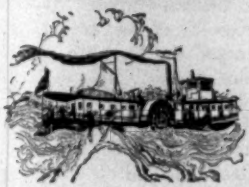

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Another pioneer story is *The Jumping Off Place* by Marion Hurd McNeely. (Longmans, Green.) This we feel is one of the most important books of fiction published in 1929 for younger readers. It is a straightforward story of four young homesteaders and their struggles to win through their first year on the prairies of the Dakotas. It is a simple tale in the telling, but is woven of the very stuff of which our country is made.

From "Kasperle's Adventures" by Josephine Siebe

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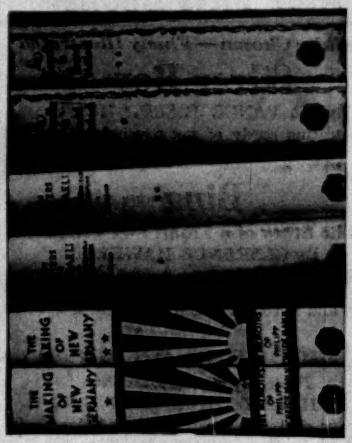

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The last book which our space permits is, perhaps, the most beautiful and one of the most significant books published for younger readers this year—*The Goldsmith of Florence*, by Katherine Gibson. (Macmillan.) Here is a book that grew out of the heart of the author's life work as story teller of the Cleveland Museum, a story that the "hows" and "whys" of her spellbound young listeners made necessary. She has told in this gorgeous volume the stories of famous artisans from early Florentine days down to the present—armorers, dyers, wood carvers, weavers, all artists in their several ways. Not only has she made the men come alive, but she has told the story back of the art and the handicraft and the industry, and has woven into it the essential spirit of a love of beauty that has made art the vitalizing spirit of life. It is, in addition, an exquisite

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> *Vivitur parvo bene, cui paternum*
> *Splendet in mensa tenui salinum;*
> *Nec leves somnos timor, aut cupido*
> *Sordidus aufert.*

Mr. Steger has waited a long time for his answer, but we hope that it has not inconvenienced him in any way. . . . In the August HARPERS we quoted several lines of poetry which we had been unable to locate. These were sent in by Miss Alice MacFarland. They have been placed by Mrs. S. B. McClure, Columbus, Ohio. She tells us that she has not seen the poem since she was a small child, but remembers it as a highly moral piece for public speaking and elocution classes. It proves to be none other than that old temperance classic commonly known as "The Face on the Barroom Floor." The correct title is "The Face upon the Floor" and the writer is H. Antoine D'Arcy. It is still in print and can be found in No. 133 of *One Hundred Choice Selections*, published by The Penn Publishing Co., Philadelphia, Pa., priced, cloth binding 60 cents, and in paper 35 cents. . . . Our other correspondent who has waited a long time for his answer has written from a long way off. Mr. Chen Hai Cheng, Soochow, China, asks for books on accounting and bookkeeping and office management. The following list of books should be useful to him in his work: *Bookkeeping Applied to Management* by C. S. Cressy, $4.00, Pierce School of Business Administration, 1420 Pine St., Philadelphia, Pa.; *Accounting and Finance* by L. E. Brownell, $3.50, John Wiley Co., 440 Fourth Ave., New York City; *Elementary Accounting* by F. H. Streightoff, $3.50, the House of Harper. . . . We have searched the catalogues and can

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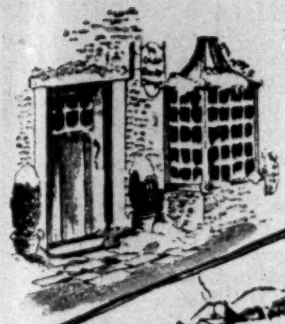

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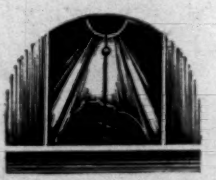

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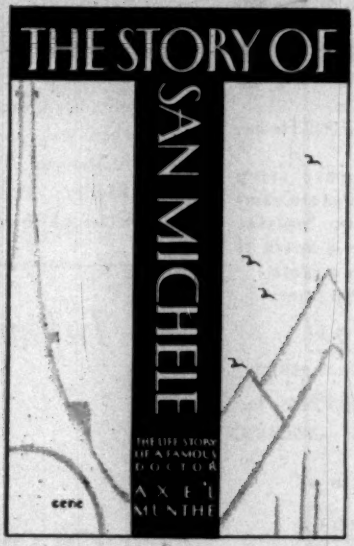

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but which may also be of interest to other readers of the column: ". . . I wonder if you are familiar with my sister's book, *Folk Songs of the Kentucky Mountains* (Boosey and Co., New York)? Josephine McGill was the first in her particular field, as is stated by Henry Krehbiel in his preface to her book. A larger manuscript of hers is in the hands of the American Folklore Society, Columbia University, New York, about to be published. . . . The August issue of the *North American Review* contains her article on the fair ladies of the ballad, 'Sing All a Green Willow.' . . ." The letter comes from Anna Blanche McGill, Louisville, Ky.